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COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTERS CHANGE HOURS FOR THE HOLIDAYS *Shelters Will Be Open On Mondays After Holidays*

The County's Department of Animal Services will be temporarily modifying their shelter hours for the holiday season by closing all three animal shelters Friday, December 24 through Sunday, December 26 and Friday, December 31 through Sunday, January 2, 2005.

Animal control officers are available to respond to emergencies in the community when the shelters are closed for the holidays. Call 619-236-4250 if you have an emergency.

"Pet owners need to remember that with all the activities of the holiday season, animals can become stressed and wander off," said Dawn Danielson, acting Director of the County Department of Animal Services. "Please ensure your pets are wearing proper identification. In addition, many pets prefer a quiet area away from parties and the hustle and bustle of the holidays."

Although the shelters are normally closed on Mondays, they will be open Monday, December 27 and Monday, January 3 for normal business from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The County shelters are located at 5480 Gaines St. in San Diego, 2481 Palomar Airport Road in Carlsbad and 5821 Sweetwater Road in Bonita.

Danielson said if you lose your pet, please check the new Animal Services Web site at www.sddac.com. Regular business hours will resume after January 3. Those hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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